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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0357

CAIRO FOR RSO; DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/T; KARACHI FOR RSS;
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLE

REF: (A) STATE 018755, (B) CAIRO 1570 (NOTAL),
(C) BEIRUT 0334 (NOTAL), (D) STATE 17930 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MANIFESTING SUBJECT VEHICLE
ON BOARD THE AL-ANOUD, DEPARTING PORT OF BEIRUT
APPROXIMATELY 1130 (LOCAL) JAN 29 WITH AN ETA PORT OF
ALEXANDRIA OF FEB 1. SHIP'S DEPARTURE HAS BEEN DELAYED
24 HOURS.

2. AS REQUESTED REFTEL B SUBJECT VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAR: 1975
MAKE: FORD
MODEL: LTD, 4-DOOR SEDAN
COLOR: BLUE
SERIAL NUMBER: 5P66A141623
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ENGINE NUMBER: SAME AS ABOVE

3. THE OCEAN BILL OF LADING NUMBER WILL BE REPORTED AS
SOON AS KNOWN.

4. RSO CAIRO SHOULD KNOW THAT BECAUSE SUBJECT VEHICLE
IS A FORD PRODUCT, IT WAS CLEARED INTO LEBANON AS A

CHEVROLET. AFTER IT ARRIVED AT PORT WE REMOVED OR COVERED ALL FORD MARKINGS INCLUDING WHERE POSSIBLE THE LTD LOGO, HOWEVER ANY CLOSE INSPECTION WILL REVEAL ACTUAL MAKE. SUCH SMALL ITEMS AS PARKING LIGHTS, ETC., CARRY FORD LABEL. POST ALSO ATTACHED TO TRUNK LID A CHEVROLET NAME PLATE. AS WE ARE UNAWARE OF THE STRICTNESS OF EGYPTIAN REGULATIONS IN THIS REGARD, VEHICLE WILL BE SHIPPED AS IS AND LEAVE IT UP TO CAIRO TO CONTINUE DECEPTION OR NOT.

5. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WILL FORWARD BY POUCH SPARE SET OF KEYS AND A SELECTED NUMBER OF SPARE PARTS.

6. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME PROBLEMS WITH SUBJECT VEHICLE'S RADIO EQUIPMENT AND SUGGEST THAT IT BE INSPECTED BY CEO/R AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. WE BELIEVE PROBLEM TO BE IN WIRING AND NOT EQUIPMENT ITSELF AS PROBLEMS ARE NOT CONSTANT.

7. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH VEHICLE HAS BEEN THAT IT IS BRITTLE AND EXTREME CARE MUST BE TAKEN OVER ROUGH ROADS AS ITS EXTREME WEIGHT CAN CAUSE MAJOR DAMAGE IF DEEP POT HOLES ARE HIT AT ANY SPEED. IN ADDITION, THE VEHICLE'S INSULATION IS EXTREMELY GOOD AND, AS A RESULT, THE AIR CONDITIONER MUST BE MAINTAINED AT PEAK PERFORMANCE TO PREVENT EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE CONDITIONS IN HOT WEATHER.

8. IF RSO BEIRUT CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN
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THIS REGARD, PLEASE ADVISE.
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